

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles L. Harrison for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Harrison is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary forty-years of service to the people of Tennessee during his tenure in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, Charles L. Harrison has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee native born in Lenoir City on September 14, 1946, Charles L. Harrison received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison began his employment with the State of Tennessee as a Financial and Compliance Auditor for the Tennessee Comptroller's Office in 1969, serving in various supervisory audit levels until 1980, when he was named the Director of the Office of Management Services within the Comptroller's Office; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Harrison was appointed Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury for Management Services, serving in that capacity until his retirement in March 2009; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Comptroller's Office, Mr. Harrison was an integral part of the Office and a vital confidante to legendary Comptroller William Snodgrass, Comptroller John Morgan, and Comptroller Justin Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison has been instrumental in advocating on behalf of the public's interest, especially in his role as staff representative from the Comptroller's Office to the State Building Commission and his tireless negotiations of contracts on behalf of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison has worked diligently in his profession and has earned the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certifications; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Tennessee Society of CPAs, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), and has served on numerous national and state committees for such organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), Mr. Harrison is a charter member of the Nashville Area Chapter, served as the Southeastern Regional Vice-president in 1986-87, National President of the Association in 1992-93, and was the recipient of the AGA's Einhorn-Gary Award in 2005 and the Robert W. King Memorial Award in 1995, AGA's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, during his membership with the International Association of Assessing Officers, Mr. Harrison served as their National Budget Subcommittee Chair in 2005, on various finance and budget committees, and was awarded the IAAO Member of the Year Award in 2002 and Tennessee's Chapter IAAO Member of the Year Award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, the Tennessee Society of CPAs presented Mr. Harrison with their Outstanding CPA in Government Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Harrison was recognized as the Business Information Professional of the Year by the University of Tennessee Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison was recognized by the 102nd Tennessee General Assembly for his outstanding service as President of the Nashville Thermal Transfer Corporation Board on behalf of the State Building Commission; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison has also found time to devote to his community in serving as Vice Commander (2001) and on the executive committee of the American Legion Post 5, serving as an active fundraiser for Big Brothers, and being a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison has also worked tirelessly for his church, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, by serving as treasurer in the past and currently as a trustee;

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Charles Harrison is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Janice Deatherage Harrison, and their son, Samuel, and daughter-in-law, Katherine; and

WHEREAS, Charles Harrison is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and making Tennessee government work better for all Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Mr. Charles L. Harrison for his honorable and exemplary service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.